



General Membership Meeting April 10, 2025 Minutes

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1. Welcome
2. Treasurer's report: Current balance is \$18808.88
3. Sector Announcements: Southern Sector discussed: Blue Ribbon updates, decoupling of exams document, MLE and how handling, language programs and difficulty staffing - (Spanish, Italian, French, Mandarin, Hebrew), how schools are handling AI, and MTSS dashboards. Northern Sector discussed: Blue Ribbon updates, decoupling of exams and MLE, social media literacy resources/lessons, and MTSS dashboards (infinite campus, branching minds, LinkIt, etc.)
4. Northwell EMPOWER presentation: See slide deck attached to email. They have created six, 30 minute asynchronous PD modules for school-based professionals to understand substance use (science and biases) in order to influence and change culture around it. CTLE credits will be available. There are many resources available to assist people, and an approach of non-judgment can change lives.
5. Proposed Slate for the 2025-26 Executive Board
 - a. President - Alison Offerman-Celentano, Seaford
 - b. President Elect - Diane Provvido, Oceanside
 - c. Treasurer - Joanne Dacek, Bellmore
 - d. Secretary - Jennifer DiMaio, VSCHSD
 - e. Southern Sector Leader - Scott Bersin, BMCHSD
 - f. Northern Sector Leader - Jim Bolen, POB
 - g. Immediate Past President - K. Elizabeth Guercin, Herricks
 - h. First Alternate for Southern Sector Leader and for other Executive Board openings except Northern Sector Leader: Jennifer Olsen- Farmingdale.
 - i. First Alternate for Northern Sector Leader and Second Alternate for Executive Board openings:
 - i. Alexa Doeschner-Glen Cove,
 - ii. Diana Haandraadts -Great Neck
 - iii. Richard Faccio-Sewanhaka
 - iv. Jeanette Wojcik-Syosset
 - v. Dan Holtzman-Great Neck
6. Member Items
 - a. BOCES Updates
 - i. Meador Pratt - CBT - things going well today with CBT. NWEA seems to have diagnosed the issue. Districts who will be testing during the extended week (May 19) should let BOCES know ahead of time because Level 0 will be down that week so any corrections will need to be made before that time.
 - ii. Fred Cohen - IDW Parent Reports - see presentation attached. BOCES has created a personalized parent report which includes performance on released questions
 - iii. Long Island Student Forum Review - The three LI BOCES engaged with 109 students regarding mental health, academic pressure, and school environment. Link to video of event here: Longer [Student Forum Video](#) and [Long Island Student Forum Summary](#)
 - iv. Building Local Capacity (BLCs) - In District Support - See handout attached to email.

- v. Outdoor Education Activities- See CIT Presentation link below. Pathfinders program, and outdoor lab activities. They are expanding opportunities for secondary students and activities will be aligned to performance expectations and lab time requirements of secondary science courses
- vi. Updates to the MLE (Major Life Exemptions) - The State has a recommended form to use. BOCES will refer their students to their districts' superintendents. Team-based, per student approach. Can use for any Regents, checkpoint exam (World Language), accelerated exams (i.e., 8th grade student taking Regents). There are three criteria: Student must be enrolled; Student must have met all outcomes for the course, and there must be documentation of the life event. SED does not get documentation but they may do audits. Link to slides here: [MLE Graduation Measures Update](#)
- vii. NYS Attestation Think Tank -See CIT Presentation link below. Attestation has been released and BOCES is offering a Think Tank to make the attestation meaningful for instructional improvement
- viii. Long Island Regional Social Studies Curriculum - See CIT Presentation Link below. They have completed the K-5 curriculum and will roll out this summer
- ix. CIT Presentation Link: [CIT Presentation 041025](#)
- b. Book Club - remaining meetings 4/23 and 5/21 at 8 am Link for meetings: [Book Club](#) Please join us!
- c. End of Year Luncheon - Please RSVP here: [REGISTER HERE](#)
- d. Need 'Em, Got 'Em - Charlie Leone, a retired Ass't Sup't, is interested and available in serving interim roles
- e. For the Good of the Order
- f. Superintendents update from Dr. Judy LaRocca: Please send a teacher to the following opportunity: **Connected, Not Consumed: Guiding Youth Toward Healthy Digital Lives**
Nassau Council of School Superintendents (NCOSS) Curriculum Committee is leading another multi-district collaborative curriculum project to produce lessons for Grade 5-12 teachers to use to educate students about the pros and cons of using social media and other smart device tools and ways for students to protect their mental, social, emotional, and physical well-being while enjoying the benefits of digital lives. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please use this [LINK](#) to register

2024-25 CALENDAR

September 2024 18, General Meeting, 8:30 AM** 26, Sector Meetings, 8:30 AM October 2024 10, General Meeting, 8:30 AM 24, Sector Meetings, 8:30 AM November 2024 7, General Meeting, 8:30 AM 21, Sector Meetings, 8:30 AM December 2024	February 2025 6-7, NADCON IV Tentative March 2025 6, General Meeting 8:30 AM 20, Sector Meetings, 8:30 AM April 2025 10, General Meeting, 8:30 AM 24, Sector Meetings, 8:30 AM May 2025
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• 13, Holiday Breakfast, 8:30 AM, TBD January 2025 • 9, General Meeting • 23, Sector Meetings	• 8, General Meeting, 8:30 AM • 29, Sector Meetings, 8:30 AM June 2025 • 13, Year End Luncheon, 1:30 PM (tentative)
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**** September general meeting to be held at Nassau BOCES GC Tech, 150 Abbey Lane, Levittown. All other general meetings to be held at Nassau BOCES Lupinskie Center, 1 Merrick Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590, Conference Rooms 1/2/3**